



## How to identify a responsible breeder:



### Responsible BREEDERS



### Irresponsible BREEDERS



#### NUMBER OF LITTERS

Only breed a **few litters** per year, and **only one or two breeds**

Will breed a number of different breeds and produce many litters.

Advertises widely.

"We always have puppies available"

#### BREEDER INTERVIEW

The **breeder will interview you**. He has a strong interest in placing his puppy in the very best home possible.

Won't interview you and if they do, there is **no interest in finding out if you and the puppy are the perfect fit**.

The breeder won't care if you have toddlers or other pets, or how you plan to raise and train the puppy.

#### REFERENCES

Will **give you names and contact details of other responsible breeders** for reference, and not just puppy buyer references.

May **provide you with the references from happy customers** but won't be able to provide you with references from responsible breeders.

"Here are the numbers of a couple of happy customers."

#### INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

A responsible breeder is **involved in canine activities such as agility, obedience sport, conformation, kennel club memberships, rescue and so on**. And they are proud of the titles their dogs have won.

The irresponsible breeder is **hardly involved in any canine activities**.

"I use to be involved but it was just taking up too much time."

#### HEALTH TESTING

A responsible breeder will have dogs in their breeding program **tested for various know issues (OFA, genetic, etc.)** and then not breed that dog if it has issues.

The irresponsible breeder doesn't test for know breed health issues.

"My dogs are healthy, no need to test them."